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A HIGH-PRESSURE PROCESSING APPARATUS AND HIGH PRESSURE

PROCESSING METHOD

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement issued December 27, 2006, the applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-12, drawn to an apparatus, without traverse.

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